



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Bosch et al.  
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NANOPARTICULATE DRUGS  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated December 24, 2002, concerning the captioned patent application. The due date for a response is March 24, 2003. While a shortened statutory period for response has expired, filed herewith is a Petition for a three month extension of time extending the period for response to June 24, 2003, thereby making this communication timely.

The amendments presented below comply with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003, and published at 1267 OG 106 on February 25, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121(a), (b), (c), and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the claims, specification, and drawings.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 20 of this document.

Please amend the application as set forth on the following pages.